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The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Recovery of Sales Tax dues in the State.

Q.—1409. Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Belgaum-II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons who have to pay sales tax dues to the extent of Rs. 25,000 and above ;

(*b*) the period since the amount is outstanding ;

(*c*) the reasons for not recovering the amount so far ?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) Twenty-eight.

(*b*) The periods vary in each case, the earliest being from 1949-50, and the latest being of the year 1955-56.

(*c*) In some cases "stay" has been issued either by the Appellate Court or the High Court as the case may be. In the case of others, remand proceedings have been ordered of revenue recovery proceedings have been instituted.

Recovery of Sales Tax dues from Licence Holders in the State.

Q.—188. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any sales-tax dues are to be recovered in the State from licence holders from 1952 to 1956 ;

(*b*) if so, the amount to be recovered (yearwise figures from 1952—56 may be furnished) ;

(*c*) the measures they have so far taken to recover the outstanding dues ?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*)—

			Rs.	nP.
1.	1952-53	...	4,56,797	91
2.	1953-54	...	6,46,558	79
3.	1954-55	...	9,66,561	93
4.	1955-56	...	11,76,093	14
	Total	...	32,46,011	77

(*c*) Certificates for recovery through Revenue Authorities have been issued in a large number of cases and in some cases prosecutions have been launched. In all cases expeditious action is being taken to recover the arrears.

[Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(in Marathi) Are there any Congressmen among the 28 ?]

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—It is not possible to answer the question like that. The Officers of the Sales-Tax Department do not go into the political views and ideals of the parties. But he is particular only with the business he carries on.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—The previous question No. 188 tabled by Sri K. P. Gadag is on the same subject. The Speaker had been pleased to say that this question together with the present one might be taken up together.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have no objection personally. But the Hon'ble Member is not here. If it is the desire of the House, the Speaker will put the question. Question No. 188 may also be replied.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Are there any prominent Congress men among the 28 ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister has already answered such a question.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Out of these 28 defaulters, is there any person who is a petrol dealer ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I am not able to say at the moment whether anybody is a petrol dealer or a dealer in cars.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—May I know whether any Stays have been granted ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, stays are granted at various stages by the appellate authorities. Granting of stays are spread over a large number of cases. If the Hon'ble Member mentions the specific instance, I will supply the particular information.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—The answer is dated October 1957. After October have there been any collection ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Something must have been done.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ.—ಈ 28 ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ stay order ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ, ಇದು ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವವರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, I already submitted to the House that the stays are with regard to several cases all particulars of which cannot be mentioned on the floor of the House. If any information is desired with regard to any particular area, I shall try to collect the information and give it to him.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ.—28 ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ stay order ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ, ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, I can assure the Hon'ble Member that the stay does not relate to all the cases. Attempts are being made and orders for adopting coersive measures are issued for the recovery of arrears.

Sri S. D. KOTHAVALE.—Sir, may I know what are the split figures for the arrears of sales-tax ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, I can give the split figures. But it is so much that it will take a long time; unless there is any particular case which is *sub judice*, I have no objection to give the information, Sir. But it takes a long time.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಕ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಈ 28 ಜನರ ಪೈಕಿ ಹಳೆಯ ಮೈನೂರಿನ ಬಾಕಿದಾರರೆಷ್ಟು, ಹೊಸ ಮೈನೂರಿನ ಬಾಕಿದಾರರೆಷ್ಟು ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I cannot say at the moment. I can give it if he gives me notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಕ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ:—ಅವರ ಹೆಸರುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೆ ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, mentioning names on the floor of the House is not desirable. If the Hon'ble Member insists and if the Speaker permits me, I shall try to comply with the request to the extent that is possible.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Sir, I rise to a point of order. Once he says it is not possible to give the names of defaulters. Then he says that he wants the permission of the Speaker. But in the first list, 16—20 names of persons who have duped certain amount of money have been given. I cannot understand why it is not possible to give names now. I want to know whether there is anything to prevent the Hon'ble Minister from giving out the names.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am not aware of that list. It is not before me. He said it was not 'desirable' to give the names. ಅದು "point of order" ಆಗಲಿಲ್ಲ, "argument" ಆಯಿತು. ಹೆಸರುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದು ಉಚಿತವಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೆ, ಅದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಹಾಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದರು.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, a total amount of Rs. 32,46,011·77 has been given as the total outstanding dues in reply to question 188; does it include licence fee also ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, it is too minor a detail which I cannot answer off-hand.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, arrears is to the tune of four lakhs. It is not a minor question. I want to know whether it includes licence fee ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Can licence fee be in arrears ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, I am aware that the question is a very important one coming from a very important member. But the detail is with regard to information that has to be called for and that information cannot be possibly given to him at the moment.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—I want to know whether these 28 members continue as dealers or whether their licences have been cancelled because of default?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, the question is asked about arrears of tax. I have got the information. If he wants to know whether these people still carry on business or whether their licences are cancelled, these are things for which information has to be called by a separate question.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the President of the Mysore Pradesh Congress is one of the defaulters?

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, I disallow that question.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the maximum amount of arrears in respect of any particular individual?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I have given the same.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I have got the names. I want to know the maximum amount outstanding in respect of a particular individual.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I can only give it after tabulating it. Sir, it takes some time. If my friend wants the information, I can give it in a slip.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.— I want the information, Sir. Not the slip.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that arrears are increasing from year to year and may I know the reason, Sir? Does it show the inefficiency of the Government to recover the amount?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I repudiate the suggestion, Sir that there is any inefficiency. On the other hand, efficiency is increasing. The amount of tax to be collected is also on the increase. The amount of arrears cannot be taken as an index of inefficiency.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—May I know, Sir, the result of the prosecution in the cases launched and whether any defaulters have been prosecuted?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Some have resulted in conviction. Some are pending.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Is there sufficient security for these amounts?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—It is rather a wide question that is asked. Unless we know whether there are assets and liabilities and whether assets will first be utilised and see whether other creditors are secured creditors,—all these raise a multitude of questions which cannot be easily answered.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ.—ಕೆಲವು ಕೇಸುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ stay order ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು, ಮಿಕ್ಕ ಕೇಸುಗಳ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಆಸ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜಪ್ತಿಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, after all, if it is the view of the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition that coersive steps are to be taken, the person suggesting that will also be in trouble.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—Sir, is it not a fact that these heavy arrears are outstanding because it is considered that the departmental people are assessing very highly and wrongly in some cases?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, it is a matter of opinion. Various shades of opinion are entertained by various persons which cannot possibly be answered by the Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ.—Stay order ಆಗುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆ ಅವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಜಪ್ತಿಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೆ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Notice, Sir.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—Are there any cases where stay has been granted by the Government?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Notice, Sir.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What percentage of the total arrears is likely to be written off, Sir?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—The question may be renewed a year later, Sir.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಸೇಲ್ಸ್‌ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಬಾಕಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮನುಷ್ಯರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಆಸ್ತಿ ಇರುವ ದೊಡ್ಡವರೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member is entitled to hold the opinion that they are great men. I have no objection.

Discontinuance of Government Bus Service between Chitaldrug and Shimoga.

Q.—1361. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the date when the Government Bus Service running between Chitaldrug and Shimoga was stopped ;

(*b*) the reasons for stopping the same ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the much inconvenience caused thereby to the travelling public?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) 12th February 1957.

(*b*) Severe competition by private services and unremunerative earnings.

(*c*) No.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ದುಗ್ಗಪ್ಪ.—ಉತ್ತರ (*b*)ದಲ್ಲಿ "ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಸ್ ಸರ್ವಿಸುಗಳವರ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬರದ ಸಂಪಾದನೆಗಳು ಲಾಭಕರವಾಗಿಲ್ಲದುದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸರ್ವಿಸುಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು" ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಗವರ್ನ್‌ಮೆಂಟು ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಹೊರಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದವು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಂ. ಪೂಣಚ್ಚ.—ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಒಂಭತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸರ್ವಿಸುಗಳು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದವು, ಅಲ್ಲದೇನೇ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಸರ್ವಿಸುಗಳು ಇದ್ದವು. ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದಿಂದ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗದವರೆಗೆ ಹೊಳಲ ಕೆರೆ-ಚನ್ನಗಿರಿ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಎರಡು ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಇದ್ದುವು, ಒಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ 15 ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಈ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಈ ಮಾರ್ಗದ ಮೇಲಿರುವ ಪಟ್ಟಣಗಳ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದವು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ದುಗ್ಗಪ್ಪ.—ಮೊದಲು ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಮಾರ್ಗದ ಮೇಲೆ ಓಡಾಡತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳ ಓವರ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಲಾಭದಾಯಕವಾದ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್‌ಆಗಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದು ನಿಜಕಾರಿ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಲೆನೋವು ಬರುವದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಕಾರಣ ಸಚಿವರು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಂ. ಪೂಣಚ್ಚ.—ತಲೆನೋವು ಬರುವ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಏನು ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಭದಾಯಕವಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನಷ್ಟ ಸಂಭವಿಸುವಾಗ ಯಾವದೇ ವಿಧವಾಗಿ ಬಸ್ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ ನಡೆಸುವುದು ಬುದ್ಧಿವಂತಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Have the Government tried to convert this into a monopoly route ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That is under the examination of the Government.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Have they tried to see that proper timings are adjusted so as to enable the Government buses to have preferences over others ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—These are matters which will have to be dealt with at the time when we think of putting more number of buses on this route. Actually there are quite a large number of private operators now operating on this route. Our experience has shown that piecemeal taking over of routes is not at all profitable. Either we establish monopoly routes and put in as many buses as possible or we do not take over at all. That is the method we are adopting.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—When you propound this theory, why did you put only one bus on that line ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—For a brief period we were plying two buses on that route and even then the returns were not profitable.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will the Government consider the desirability of seeing that proper timings are adjusted and two buses are put on this route again ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—The present proposal is to take over this line as a monopoly route and operate it. That will be the best arrangement.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ದುಗ್ಗಪ್ಪ.—ಖಾಸಗೀ ಬಸ್‌ದರಕ್ಕೂ ಗವರ್ನ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಬಸ್ ದರಕ್ಕೂ ಏನಾದರೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಂ. ಪೂಣಚ್ಚ.—ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಅಂಥ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಡಿಮೆಯೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲಾ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್ ಪಾಟೀಲ.—ಗವರ್ನ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಬಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಕರಿಗೆ ದೊರೆಯತಕ್ಕ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗೀ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದೊರೆಯತಕ್ಕ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಏವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಂ. ಪೂಣಚ್ಚ.—ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಕರ ಬಸ್ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸುವಾಗ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಪೂರ್ತಿಪನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಕಡಿಮೆದರವನ್ನು ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನೂ ಒಪಗಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಒಂದು ದರವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.